

TWO U. S. BALLOONISTS KILLED WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES S-6; MAKES FIVE FATALITIES IN INTERNATIONAL RACE

**Spanish and Swiss Balloons
Also Hit By Bolts and
Occupants Hurlled to
Their Deaths.**

**American Navy Entry A-
6699 Safe—Army Bag, St.
Louis, Bursts Before
Start of Race.**

By The Associated Press.
Brussels, Sept. 24.—Five airmen in-
cluding two United States army lieutenants,
lost their lives, another was seriously injured and five balloons were smashed on the ground or destroyed by lightning in the James Gordon Bennett cup race started yesterday under the most adverse weather conditions experienced in the history of the competition. The dead are:

Those Who Were Killed.
Lieut. Olmstead and Lieut. Choptaw of the United States army balloon S-6.
Lieut. von Gruening and Lieut. Wehren of the Swiss balloon Geneva.
Penaranda Barca, of the Spanish balloon Polar.

Injuries so serious that he may die were received by Gomez Guillamon, assistant to Barca in the Polar.

Two Reported as Safe.
The balloons, the U. S. Navy A-6699 and the Penaranda III, a French entry piloted by G. Blanchet, were the only ones reported up to noon today as having landed safely.

Fear for Others.
In view of the terrific storm which broke out half an hour after the last balloon took off and which was raging over northern Belgium and Holland and the neighboring North Sea waters until 10 o'clock last night, fears are entertained for the safety of the ten balloonists not yet heard from. These are Picardie and Ravaine, balloon Picardie, France. DeMuyter and Veendra, balloon Belgium. Dunville and Spencer, England. Armbruster and Picard, Switzerland. Delaserra and Magdalena, Spain.

Could Not Postpone Race.
The officials of the Brussels Aero club, appalled by the catastrophe, point out that they had advocated postponement of the race, but found that the rules were absolutely inflexible. They will propose changes to overcome this difficulty in future. Many members however, favor cancelling the competition altogether.

The third American entrant in the race, the balloon Saint Louis, never took the air, bursting before the start from the pressure of her anchor rope.

V. S. Is Third.
By The Associated Press.
Brussels, Sept. 24.—United States army balloon S-6 competing in the Gordon Bennett international race was struck by lightning last evening and Lieut. Olmstead and Choptaw, her occupants, were killed. This was the third balloon that met with accident since the race began yesterday. Five aeroplanes have been killed.

Other Balloons Is Safe.
United States navy balloon A-6699 has landed at Potten, Holland, near the Zuyder Zee. Lieut. Lawrence and Reichelderfer, comprising her crew, are safe.

The S-6 tragedy occurred last evening near Nistelroode province of North Brabant in Holland, the aero club of Brussels officially announced today.

Swiss Craft Burned.
The Swiss balloon Geneva was struck by lightning near Beverloo and burned in mid-air at an altitude of 1,000 feet. Passengers who ran to the spot found the dead bodies of Lieut. von Gruening and Lieut. Wehren.

Spanish Tragedy Too.
The Spanish balloon Polar also caught fire from a bolt and fell near Heyst-Goor. Her pilot, Penaranda (Continued on Twelfth Page)

SURVIVOR DESCRIBES TRAGEDY IN MID-AIR

**Spanish Balloonist Tells of
Bag Being Struck by
Lightning**

Malines, Belgium, Sept. 24.—Gomez Guillamon, of the Spanish balloon Polar which crashed here late yesterday while competing in the James Gordon Bennett cup race, had sufficiently recovered from his injuries today to tell the story of the accident. Guillamon, who is under treatment in the Malines hospital, said the Polar was struck by lightning while at an altitude of 3,000 feet. It had only a few seconds previously escaped crashing to the ground. Penaranda Barca, the other occupant, threw two bags of sand overboard and the balloon shot up right into the teeth of the storm.

Then came the lightning bolt which set the bag on fire. It burned speedily with the exception of the lower part, which was of slower combustion and acted as a parachute. Guillamon jumped when the basket was 100 feet above the ground and landed in a soft, bushy swamp. Both his legs were broken. Barca was killed by the lightning bolt.

COURT ROOM IN SOBS AS MRS. WARD TALKS

**Sympathetic Women Spectators
Join Her in Weeping at Trial**

WIFE TELLS HER STORY

White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Walter S. Ward was called to the witness stand today by the prosecution to testify in the trial of her husband charged with murder in the first degree of Clarence Peters of Haverhill, Mass.

There was a hush over the crowded court room when the defendant's wife, dressed in a blue Jersey dress trimmed with white cuffs and collar and wearing a small dark hat that afforded a clear view of her features, went to the witness stand. She sobbed as she sat in the witness chair when the questioning began and her eyes with her small hands and tried to smile.

The way for her entrance was paved by previous witnesses who testified that they had played cards with her, her mother, other relatives, and friends of the family on the night that Peters was killed. These witnesses had agreed that they had not seen Ward at his home between 8 o'clock that evening and a half hour after midnight when they left.

Saw Husband at 4 or 5 A. M.
Still sobbing but with trying to smile, Mrs. Ward calmly answered her questioner. She said that the first she saw her husband on the night of the killing was between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning when he entered her room and awakened her. Answering her husband's attorneys she testified that it was possible for her husband to have been home earlier and for her not to have heard him until he came into her room.

Asked if he offered any explanation why he visited her so late Mrs. Ward replied that he did. Justice Wagoner upheld the contention of the defense that Mrs. Ward could not be called upon to testify what her husband had said to her.

"Was his explanation satisfactory?"
asked the prosecutor.

"Yes," she replied.

Speaks Very Low.
Mrs. Ward was composed as she parried the interrogation but her voice was so soft that her answers were almost inaudible to the spectators who leaned forward in their chairs to catch every word. At times her answers were so low when she was questioned by Attorney Gen. Sherman that the court clerk had to repeat them for the stenographer and the jury.

Still suppressing her sobs, Mrs. Ward testified that when the first grand jury began the investigation of the killing of Peters, after it had been announced her husband was implicated she went to Bermuda. After she had been there some weeks, she said, she cabled her husband to know if she could not come home to get the children and go to some other resort. This was arranged she added, and she took the children to Atlantic City.

To the questions of the attorney general she answered that she remained there out of the jurisdiction of New York state while the last grand jury was re-investigating the killing and preparing the indictment under which her husband now is being tried.

Other Women Sob Too
Mrs. Ward remained on the witness stand 15 minutes and when she returned to her seat behind her husband she was shaking nervously. Before she sat down she looked fixedly into his eyes and then buried her face in her handkerchief and sobbed audibly. In a moment sympathetic sobs could be heard from women scattered all over the court room.

Helps Wife to Chair
The staff of defense attorneys rose to their feet when Attorney Gen. Sherman first summoned Mrs. Ward to the chair but they interposed no objection. Her husband, the defendant, also got to his feet, and assisting his wife from her chair, accompanied her around behind the jury box and to the witness stand where he gently helped her to her seat.

With an air of pathos, she squirmed about a minute, muffled her sobs in her handkerchief, leaned forward and (Continued on Third Page).

**Arrested for Violating
State Automobile Laws**
Alex McIntyre of Bristol was arrested by Policeman John Carlson today on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license. Elias Johnson of East Hampton was notified today by Sergeant William F. McCue to be in police court tomorrow to answer to a charge of passing a standing freight car on West Main street yesterday at 12:40 o'clock.

HEAVY CRIMINAL DOCKET
New Haven, Sept. 24.—One of the heaviest criminal dockets in the record of this court will be presented to Judge Jennings when he opens the New Haven superior court tomorrow. While there are no homicides likely to bring a trial of five degree murder there are cases which may require long jury trials. The lower Naugatuck valley liquor raid cases are on the list.

WANT U. S. TO WITHDRAW
London, Sept. 24.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople quotes an Ankara message as stating that the Turkish government has decided to press for the withdrawal from the straits of the flotilla of American torpedo boats stationed at Constantinople and that Adnan Bey, the nationalist representative in Constantinople had made representations to the United States high commissioner here.

AMERICAN PLANE WRECKED.
London, Sept. 24.—The American seaplane entered for the seventh annual competition for the Schneider cup on September 23, fell into the sea near Portsmouth today during a trial flight and was totally wrecked. The occupants were picked up unhurt.

THE WEATHER
Hartford, Sept. 24.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Fair, continued mild tonight and Tuesday; gentle northwest winds.

STOKES SCANDAL IS TAKING QUEER TURN

**Six Witnesses Fail to Identify
Wife as Notorious Woman**

ADMIT HUSBAND'S PLOTTING

Wife of Wealthy New Yorker, Seeking Divorce, Visits Lawyer's Office at 2:30 a. m. to be Confronted by Those Who Had Slandered her.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, whose divorce suit is pending in New York, faced six persons early today in the office of Charles E. Wharton, assistant state attorney, who is investigating Mrs. Stokes' charge that her husband has sought to defame her character by affidavits obtained here, and defied

MURTHA SAYS CASSIDY ASKED HIM TO FLUNK

**Former H. S. Football Star
Makes Charge Against
Coach**

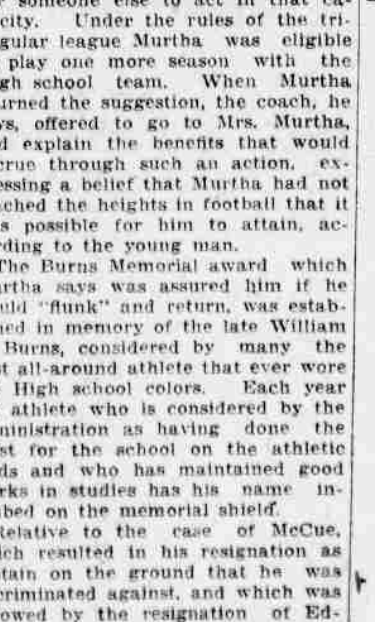
George ("Battler") Murtha, captain of the New Britain High school football team in 1921 and for two years back on the Red and Gold eleven, the "Herald" today charged that M. Cassidy of the High school, who was his studies so that he graduated in June, and who was to school this year to play football, that he "assured" the former captain that he would have no need to worry for spending money; that he (Cassidy) would arrange matters so that Murtha would receive the Burns Memorial award in 1924; that Cassidy tried to control the election of a captain; that when he refused to deny statements made to the "Herald" by present and former players he was summarily dropped from his position as assistant coach, but was later asked to return.

Murtha said from his observations of Bill McCue's playing both as a member of the team on which McCue displayed his abilities and as an assistant coach of this year's squad, he was convinced that Cassidy did not give the elected leader of this year's squad, who has now resigned because of difficulties with Cassidy, a fair opportunity to represent the school on the gridiron. The former Red and Gold leader said Johnny Grip and Henry Zeher are good men in the backfield and he feels they have earned places; but that McCue is equally as good, if not better than either Georowski or Walker.

Murtha told the story of Cassidy's alleged proposition to several alumni of the High school today and indignation was expressed at the reported action. The former player claims he was approached about Christmas time last year by the coach and the suggestion was made that he fail in English for the remainder of the year. Failure to pass this subject would have made it impossible for the school to graduate Murtha. He was president of his class and had he followed the suggestion which he says was made, it would have been necessary for someone else to act in that capacity. Under the rules of the triangular league Murtha was eligible to play one more season with the High school team. When Murtha spurned the suggestion, the coach, he says, offered to go to Mrs. Murtha, and explain the benefits that would accrue through such an action, expressing a belief that Murtha had not reached the heights in football that it was possible for him to attain, according to the young man.

The Burns Memorial award which Murtha says was assured him if he would "flunk" and return, was established in memory of the late William E. Burns, considered by many the best all-around athlete that ever wore the High school colors. Each year the athlete who is considered by the administration as having done the most for the school on the athletic fields and who has maintained good marks in studies has his name inscribed on the memorial shield.

Relative to the case of McCue, which resulted in his resignation as captain on the ground that he was discriminated against, and which was followed by the resignation of Edward "Pat" O'Brien, a speed ball back of that of Donald McGuire, a promising end who cast aside a chance to break into last Saturday's game by quitting the squad Thursday in protest against Cassidy, Murtha claims that Cassidy took an active part in the campaign to defeat his election. Murtha claims that Cassidy called him into his office and tried to urge upon him to vote for Walker, who was McCue's rival for the captaincy. He also claims that other members of the team were similarly



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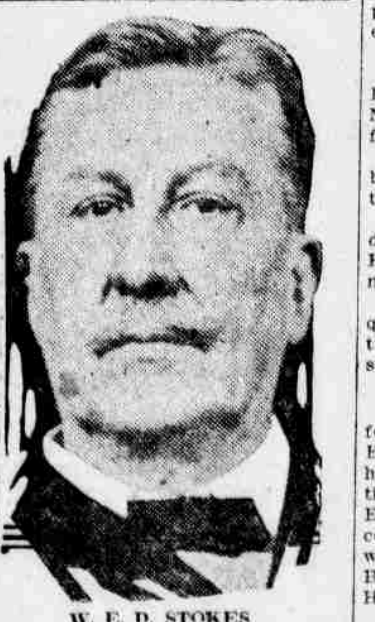
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them to identify her as a former inmate of a notorious "club" in the old Chicago tenement. None of the witnesses could identify Mrs. Stokes as having resided at the club.

Faces Her Accusers.
When Mrs. Stokes with her attorney, and Mrs. Ann Misera of Denver, Colo., appeared at the county building at 2:30 a. m. it was announced she had come to face those who had signed affidavits at the instance of W. E. D. Stokes, the wealthy hotel owner, that Mrs. Stokes was known in Chicago's night life prior to her marriage.

Later Mr. Wharton, who previously had been quoted as having said the prosecutors were meeting difficulty in



obtaining definite evidence, said they were "progressing."

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Six Face Murder Charge Based On Fatal Beating Given Davidowicz

**George T. Kimball Adds Approval
of Hartford Manufacturers' Assn.**

**Consensus of Opinion Given
I. C. C. Is That New Eng-
land Favors Storrow Plan,
Though Some Desire
Modifications.**

**MOORE IS OPPOSED,
POTEET IN FAVOR**

Boston, Sept. 24.—Three members of the interstate commerce commission were here today to conduct a hearing on the proposed consolidation of New England railroads. Wide-spread interest in the hearing has been shown throughout this section and in addition to railroad officials representatives were present to give the views of state and city chambers of commerce and other commercial organizations.

The discussion was expected to revolve around the report recently submitted to the governors of the New England states by the joint New England railroad committee favoring a consolidation into a single system of the New England railroads with the exception of the Boston and Albany, the Central Vermont and the New England lines of the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific. The report also submitted plans for the rehabilitation of the N. Y., N. H. and H. and the Boston and Maine. The Maine and New Hampshire members of the committee opposed any form of consolidation at the present time, the New Hampshire members expressing the belief that if consolidation proved necessary later it should be with the trunk lines.

Those in Charge.
The commissioners in charge of the hearing are Chairman Henry Hall, Frederick I. Cox and Joseph B. Eastman. Thomas P. Healy is examiner for the commission.

Governors Present.
When the hearing was opened Governor Cox of Mass., Flynn of Rhode Island, Brown of New Hampshire and Templeton of Conn., were present. President James H. Hustis of the Boston and Maine railroad represented his road and James J. Storrow chairman of the joint New England railroad committee was on hand.

The hearing was started with a brief address by Governor Cox who formally presented the joint committee's report.

Mass. Is in Favor
"The people of this state," he said, "are vitally interested in this question. The people feel that their interests will be better served by a consolidation of New England lines than by the formation of relations with the outside trunk lines."

We ought to have a system sympathetic to our needs and directed by our own men."

Rhode Island Partly Agrees.
Governor Flynn said that Rhode Island was definitely in favor of a New England consolidation and not for trunk line consolidation.

"Personally," he added "I would be behind consolidation as indicated in the Storrow report."

Governor Brown referred to the dissenting report made by the New Hampshire members of the joint committee and continued:

"New Hampshire people want adequate and efficient service. No structure unless financially sound can give such service."

New Hampshire's View
He said that the committee had found the two major systems in New England to be financially weak and he opposed their financial rehabilitation and merger with the other New England roads as proposed in the committee's report. He questioned whether state aid would place the Boston and Maine and the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroads on their feet.

Fears High Rates
"As to New Hampshire," he added, "in my opinion there is the gravest doubt as to the possibility of passing state legislation for the state aid proposed. I have no fear of absentee management or the closing of the northern gateways. But I have fear of excessive rates. The people of New England prefer consolidation with the trunk lines as against state aid."

Prof. Wm. Z. Ripley of Harvard university asked Governor Brown if he appreciated that the result of the consolidation might be that the outside trunk lines which would absorb the New England roads might not be the strongest but perhaps some of the weaker trunk lines. Governor Brown said he had taken this into consideration.

Conn. Viciously Interested.
"Transportation in Connecticut," said Governor Templeton, "means life or death to its factories, especially those making brass. . . I endorse the committee's report as governor and as a small business man. Do not consider trunk line consolidation. It means higher cost of transportation. The freight shippers can get a better figure if he has the choice of shipping lines. New England men have the brains and the money and can take care of themselves."

From Little Vermont.
H. C. Conings of Vermont, representing Governor Proctor, said the

THREE ARE ELECTROCUTED
Auto Goes Over Road Onto Third Rail Near Hazleton, Pa.—Train Then Mangles Victims' Bodies.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 24.—Two women and a man were electrocuted last night between this city and Wilkes-Barre when their motor car crashed through the guard rail of a bridge over the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton electric railway. A fourth occupant of the car was seriously injured.

The machine struck the third rail when it landed on the right of way. A few minutes later an electric car crashed into the wrecked automobile cutting two of the victims' bodies in half.

The injured man who declined to give his name was removed to a Wilkes-Barre hospital.

The dead are: Delores S. Anguileano, daughter of Thomas Anguileano, vice-president of the Planters Peanut Co. Dorothy Hogan and Robert Kemmerer, all of Wilkes-Barre.

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Body of Millville, N. J., Child Found in Woods—Had Been Missing Since September 13.

Millville, N. J., Sept. 24.—One of more arrests in connection with the slaying of 15-year-old Emma Dickson, the high school girl whose body with the skull crushed, was found Saturday in a woods near her home at Brickboro were promised today by Cumberland county authorities.

Coroner Frank Carroll said he had found nothing to indicate she had been attacked before being beaten to death. He said the girl apparently had been killed shortly after she disappeared on September 13.

**Former Local Girl to Wed
Architect in Australia**
Announcement has been received here of the engagement of Miss Marian Buell, formerly of this city, now of Melbourne, Australia, to Leslie M. Perrott, of Melbourne. Miss Buell intends shortly to visit her brother, Roy, in San Francisco, after which she will return to Australia and be married.

Miss Buell is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Buell of this city. Mr. Buell having died suddenly in Melbourne on New Year's day. Mr. Perrott is an architect in the Australian city and was formerly engaged in his profession in Boston.

**Canadian Steamer Floated
After Going Aground Today**
Montreal, Sept. 24.—After being aground three hours and a half the Richelieu of the Canada Steamship Co. was floated at 8:30 o'clock this morning at Port Neuf on the St. Lawrence and waited for the dense fog to clear before proceeding. T. R. Enderby operating manager of the company said the steamer went aground at low tide when it anchored because of the dense fog.

**Several Villages Razed
In Persian Earthquake**
By The Associated Press.
Tehran, Persia, Sept. 24.—Several villages in the vicinity of Bujumard reported to have been destroyed, with casualties as far as known of 123 dead and about 100 injured, in the earthquake which shook the region last Thursday, say dispatches reaching here. The shocks are continuing.

Damage is also reported in the district of Shirvan.

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SOCIETY PEOPLE IN FATAL CRASH, LIQUOR IN ONE CAR

**Thomas Fortune Ryan's Granddaughter
Badly Hurt—Lewis Norrie,
Princeton Athlete, Is Killed.**

New York, Sept. 24.—Miss Adele Ryan, daughter of John Barry Ryan, and granddaughter of Thomas Fortune Ryan, was in a critical condition today at the Long Branch, N. J., hospital, the victim of an automobile crash early Sunday morning at Asbury Park which cost the life of Lewis Gordon Norrie, Princeton hockey star, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Norrie of New York.

Strict secrecy was maintained by hospital authorities. They declined to detail Miss Ryan's injuries or give the names of others of the party who were hurt.

Norrie and his friends in two automobiles, according to police, were speeding to his aunt's home at 200 Bank N. J. from a roadhouse at 2 o'clock Sunday morning when Norrie's car, which was preceding, collided head-on with an automobile driven by Isador Orbatel of Newark, demolishing both cars. The second car in the Norrie party did not stop and the injured lay for five minutes in a driving rain before they extricated each other. They were taken to the hospital in a passing car.

Chief of Police White, of Neptune township, said there was liquor in one of the Norrie party cars.

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Woods Presses First Degree Warrant Against Men Said to Have Been Involved in Orange St. Brawl

Lawyers Get Court's Permission to Speak to Clients—Case Adjourned to Thursday—All Held Without Bonds.

Says That Her Husband Gave Satisfactory Explanation for Late Homecoming on Night Peters Met His Death.

Joseph Migatz of 96 Cleveland street, Stanley Budnik of 72 Orange street, Austin Zawalik of 78 Grove street, Tony Cerulik of 18 Gold street, Edmund Lipitz of 32 North street and Edward Potash of 72 Grove street entered pleas of not guilty when arraigned before Judge B. W. Ailing in police court this morning, charged with first degree murder as the result of the death of Frank Davidowicz, age 35 years, of 72 Booth street at the New Britain General hospital yesterday, following an attack on him at an early hour in the morning by several young men on Orange street.

At the request of Prosecutor Joseph G. Woods, presenting the state's case, the cases were continued until Thursday morning, the men being held without bonds. Attorney William F. Mangan represents Joseph Migatz and Attorney Saul P. Waskowitz represents Budnik and Potash. The other men were without counsel at court this morning.

Lawyers Barred From Clients
Proceeding court today the attorneys for the accused men were denied permission by Prosecutor Woods to see their clients who were locked up at police headquarters. At the opening of court Attorney Mangan asked Judge Ailing for permission to see his client as well as for Mr. Waskowitz to see his men. Prosecutor Woods objected on the ground that he wanted an investigation, which was being conducted in the affair, completed before counsel for the accused were able to talk with their clients. The matter was deferred for the time being but during a recess at a later hour Judge Ailing granted Messrs. Mangan and Waskowitz the right to see their clients.

Woods May Reduce Charge
All available space in the court room was occupied this morning by friends of the six young men, who were desirous of knowing what their fate would be. Although the men are arraigned on a charge of first degree murder, Prosecutor Woods in speaking to a representative of the "Herald" this morning stated that the charge might be lessened when the hearing is held Thursday. He would not say on what charge the men will then be arraigned.

Migatz, Budnik and Potash were originally charged with murder when arrested by the police. Lipitz was first booked on a breach of peace charge and Zawalik and Cerulik were held as material witnesses. The arrests were made by Detective Sergeant William E. McCue, Sergeants Michael Flynn, Patrick McAvay, Policemen Thomas Feeney, Patrick O'Mara, John C. Stadler and Anthony Milewski. Of the men under arrest Migatz and Lipitz are the only two holding previous police records. Migatz was arrested on May 5, 1913, on a charge of burglary and at that time bound over to the superior court at Hartford. Lipitz has been arrested twice on charges of breach of the peace.

Found Unconscious in Road
According to the police Davidowicz had spent Saturday night at the home of relatives on Orange street where he had imbibed freely in drinking. Early Sunday morning he started on his way home, which is but a short distance from his relative's house. Within a comparatively few moments after he had started on his way home he was found unconscious, his skull fractured, his clothes torn and his face bearing marks of a severe beating. In the road in front of 113 Orange street.

The police were notified and he was removed to the hospital by Officer G. W. Heilberg at about 1:40 o'clock. At 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon he died, the fracture of the skull causing his death.

Had Argument in Restaurant
Sergeant Patrick McAvay and Policemen Thomas Feeney were detailed to investigate Davidowicz's beating after he had been attended to and learned that he had stopped at the restaurant conducted by Mrs. Stella Doble at 313 Orange street, to purchase a loaf of bread. From what the police have learned there were seven or eight young men in the place